compared to the corresponding period of the last three years and the reasons for its decline; if any;

(d) what is the amount of claims paid to the exporters by the ECGC ior each month since January, 1984 and how much of the paid claims in 1984 and the previous years is yet to be recovered;

(e) what is the amount written off as unrecoverable since 1982 till June, 1984; and

(f) what are the details of the scheme in operation for insurance cover t_0 Indian exports to $Nigeri_a$ and the changes made since December, 1983, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Total dues from Nigeria for payment towards Indian exports (both insured and uninsured) till December, 1983 amounted to approximately Rs. 66 crores. Of these, Rs. 24.59 crores represented the insured dues.

Insured amount of payment due till June, 1984, including pending claims, was Rs. 34.89 crores. Figures of uninsured dues for 1984 are not available.

(b) The oldest pending dues are from 1978. Negotiations for recovery of Indian dues are being held both at the levels of Government and financial institutions.

(c) Value of exports covered by ECGC:

(Rs. in crores)

Period	1981	1982	1983	1984
Jan.—June	12.19	16.44	11.11	10.55

The reason for decline in the value of exports covered is the highly restrictive import policy followed by the Government of Nigeria.

(d) Amount of claims paid to the exporters since January, 1984:

(Rs. in Lakhs

January 1984 . . .	14.17
February . . .	31.15
March	15.51
April	12.77
May	38.69
June	15.35
	127.64

Total outstandings for recovery in respect of transfer delay claims paid is Rs. 652'. 24 lakhs.

(e) Rs. 29.47 lakhs have been written off as unrecoverable dues from 1982 to June, 1984.

(f) Since December, 1983 ECGC has provided insurance cover on a case to case basis for exports to Nigeria. With effect from 1-1-1984, insurance has been restricted by ECGC to issue of transfer guarantee only in favour of Indian Banks.

Cancellation of LA. flight from Bombay to Jamnagar

2530. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 4th August, 1984 when an IA flight from Bombay to Jamnagar was cancelled due to bad weather, hotel accommodation was provided only to a few international ticket holders and such accommodation was refused to other passengers who were not from Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Hotel accommodation was provided to 11 passengers in transit who were from places outside Bombay and were entitled to this facility as per Indian Airlines regulations.

Birla Cotton Spinning and Weaving Mills, Limited, Delhi

2531. SHRI SURAJ-PRASAD: Wil' the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of workers on the roll of the Birla Cotton. Spinning and Weaving Mills Limited, Delhi (Birla Textiles, Delhi) as in July 1982, July 1983 and July 1984;

(b) whether the management had sought permission for closing down certain departments of the Mills;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether the worker$_s$ who were retrenched during the last two years have been paid their dues;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof;

(f) whether Government are aware, that on the 30th April 1984, Delhi Metropolitan Council passed a resolution demanding the nationalisation of Birla Textiles; and

(g) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) According to available information, the number of workers on the roll of M/$_s$ Birla Textiles, Delhi on July, 1982, July 1983 and April 1984 was about 6434, 5512 and 6&00 respectively.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) According to information received from the Delhi administration no workmen has been retrenched for the last two years by the Mill management.

(f) Yes, Sir

(g) Government do not propose to nationalise the unit at present.

Setting up of an Export Processing Zone in or around Delhi

2532. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased t$_0$ state:

(a) whether Government have taken any final decision with regard to the project for the setting up of an export processing zone in or around Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to set up a new Export Processing Zone at Noida, District Ghaziabad, U.P. at a short distance from Delhi. The following$_s$ action has already been taken in this connection:

((i) Notification has been issued for setting up of the NOIDA EPZ.

(ii) The site for the proposed NOIDA EPZ has since been approved by an Inter-Ministerial 'Site Selection and Approval Committee'.

(iii) Notification regarding the setting up of a high-level body called NOIDA EPZ Authority for dealing with policy issues and laying